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RE: VANDALISM, ABANDONMENT AND MONUMENT REPAIR OR
REMOVAL FUND: APPROPRIATION AND ANTICIPATED PAYMENTS IN FY
2023-24

DATE: September 27, 2023

The following is a brief summary of collected fees and payments of funds granted from the Vandalism, Abandonment and Monument Repair or Removal Fund. The vast majority of monies are collected concurrent with the submission of annual reports, generally filed within the first three months of the calendar year.

The vandalism collections for calendar year 2023 are \$503,221. Assessment collections are \$273,283. Fiscal year collections from April 1, 2023, are: Vandalism \$80,469. Assessment \$40,090, as of July 6, 2023

The appropriation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is \$2,000,000.

Summary of Applications Granted FYE 3/31/2024:

• 2	Vandalism applications	-	\$ 20,400.13
• 16	Restoration Applications	-	\$ 817,895.24
• 3	Abandonment applications	-	<u>\$ 112,442.98</u>
			\$ 950,738.35

[I would insert here what we have paid to date on these].

There are applications that the Cemetery Board approved in previous years that we have not paid in full yet, either because the cemeteries have not completed the work or for other reasons. There remains \$85,092.56 of funds committed for 2018/19 and 2019/20 applications and \$47,613.60 committed for applications approved in the 2020/21 fiscal year. Outstanding payments for the 2021/22 fiscal year total \$5,621.33. Outstanding payments for the 2022/23 fiscal year totals \$459,795.35.

Currently there are 8 applications in the pipeline for approval seeking a total of \$330,693.88. There are four applications on the agenda for this meeting totaling \$79,150.22.

We polled the investigators to get a feel for what outstanding approved applications would be completed and ready for final payment before March 31, 2024. They provided a list of approximately 26 projects in the works, totaling \$438,110.65, that they predict will be completed within that timeframe. All these payments are included in the calculation of available funds in the table below.

Due to seasonal limitations in getting work completed it is unlikely the entire \$2,000,000 appropriation will be exhausted before the end of the fiscal year based on the current practice of paying only 25% of funds up front. However, the demands on the fund continue to increase. We have committed slightly over \$2 million to date (see below) and additional commitments are likely to be made before the end of the fiscal year because we are likely to receive additional applications before March 31, 2024.

Allocation of Vandalism Funds FYE March 31, 2024

2023/24 Appropriation	<u>\$2,000,000.00</u>
Cash Paid Out	\$ (210,962.91)
Owed FYE 2019 & 2020	(\$85,092.56)
Owed FYE2021	(\$47,613.60)
Owed FYE 2022	(\$5,621.33)
Owed FYE 2023	(\$459,795.35)
Owed FYE 2024	(\$784,804.34)
Available Funds from 2023/2024 Appropriation	\$406,109.91

Pending applications

Applications on September 2023 Agenda (4)	\$79,150.22
Applications in the Pipeline (8)	<u>\$330,693.88</u>
Total	\$409,844.10

**Available Funds for Future Applications
(assuming all received applications are
approved)**

(\$3,734.19)